

# HOUSE BILL No. 2007

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-10.1.

**Synopsis:** ISTEP. Provides that: (1) the ISTEP must be administered during the spring semester; and (2) each ISTEP subject area test may not be longer than two hours in duration.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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First Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2003)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-16-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-1999,  
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) The board shall:  
4 (1) authorize the development and implementation of the Indiana  
5 statewide testing for educational progress program; and  
6 (2) determine the date, **which must be during the spring**  
7 **semester of the school year**, on which the statewide testing is  
8 administered in each school corporation.  
9 (b) The state superintendent is responsible for the overall  
10 development, implementation, and monitoring of the ISTEP program.  
11 (c) The department shall prepare detailed design specifications for  
12 the ISTEP program that must do the following:  
13 (1) Take into account the academic standards.  
14 (2) Include testing of students' higher level cognitive thinking in  
15 each subject area tested.  
16 SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-17-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-1999,  
17 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. (a) The board shall adopt clear, concise, and jargon free state academic standards that are comparable to national and international academic standards. These academic standards must be adopted for each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 for the following subjects:

- (1) English/language arts.
- (2) Mathematics.
- (3) Social studies.
- (4) Science.

For grade levels tested under the ISTEP program, the academic standards must be based in part upon the results of the ISTEP program.

(b) The department shall do the following:

- (1) Distribute the academic standards established under this section to each school corporation for distribution by the school corporation to the parent of each student in the school corporation.
- (2) Survey parents of students, members of the business community, representatives of higher education, and educators on the importance and applicability of academic standards.

(c) ISTEP program testing shall be administered in the following subject areas:

- (1) English/language arts.
- (2) Mathematics.
- (3) Beginning in school year 2002-2003, science, in grade levels determined by the board.
- (4) Beginning in school year 2003-2004, social studies, in grade levels determined by the board.

**(d) Each subject area test administered under subsection (c) may not be longer than two (2) hours in duration.**

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